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MINOR LOCAL MATTERS.

AFFAIRS CAUGHT BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER AND NOTED.

Written in Condensed Form and Printed in Like Manner for the Sake of our Weary Readers.

Watermelons are now quite plentiful.

Three wagon loads of watermelons were sold on the streets here 1st Saturday.

There will be no night services in either of the churches during the remainder of the summer.

We are indebted to Mrs. P. A. Allsbrook for a lot of delicious peaches, which were sent us last Sunday.

Although the town election is about two months off, there is already talk of who will be on the ticket.

Be sure to attend the speaking by the candidates for Congress from this district, which will take place next week.

Since the offering of prizes for watermelons by the County Record, we notice that nearly every weekly paper in the State has made similar offers.

Master Dessie Gilland brought us in an extra large tomato last Saturday, which came from his mother's garden. The tomato measured 15 1/4 inches in circumference.

Mr. P. A. Allsbrook lost a very valuable horse last week. He was driving down to Black Mingo last Saturday when the animal became over-heated and fell down in harness, expiring at once.

There will be an icecream festival and hot supper at Lanes next Wednesday evening for the benefit of the Lanes Baptist church. The public are cordially invited to attend.

Henry African, a colored farmer who lives just beyond Mr. James Epps's plantation, brought us in four bolls of cotton last Tuesday. The cotton opened Sunday and Monday and is perhaps the earliest that has ever been raised in this county.

Several parties have requested us to "raise Cain" with certain young men in town for the manner in which they dress themselves these hot days, but we must refrain from so doing as it is entirely a matter of personal pride with the young men.

A vacancy occurs in the Citadel this year, occasioned by the graduation of Mr. R. D. Epps, entitling Williamsburg county to a beneficiary cadet. See the advertisement of the chairman of the Board of Visitors which appears in another column.

The Congressional campaign meeting will be held in this county next week and the Senatorial meeting on August 26th. The speaking by the Congressional candidates for this county will take place at Kingstree on Friday, and at Lake City on Saturday of next week, July 16th and 17th.

Lowry Pierson, alias "Nunky" Pierson, was arrested by detective G. W. Arms last week charged with throwing rocks into the excursion train which passed here on June 22nd. He was given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Matthews last Saturday, and was sent up to the higher court for trial. He is now in jail.

COMMISSIONERS MEET

In Regular Quarterly Session--The Proceedings

The regular quarterly meeting of the board of county Commissioners was held last Monday, with a full attendance. The greater portion of the day was spent in attending to routine business or to matters of little interest to the public. The first thing of any consequence was the election of a superintendent for the chain-gang. Applications from the following gentlemen had been received: R. F. Singletary, J. H. V. Gaskins, W. H. Campbell, T. D. Gamble, R. E. Duke, J. S. Howle, W. B. Roper, E. M. Fluit, S. M. Bradshaw and A. L. Powell. On the record ballot Mr. Bradshaw elected, receiving 8 votes against 7 for Mr. Howle, the next highest candidate. Mr. Howle is the present superintendent, but he will turn over to Mr. Bradshaw on July 23rd. It was decided to have the superintendent give a bond of \$300. The salary of the superintendent was fixed at \$20, and that of the guard at \$15, with chain gang fare for both. A petition for a road from Lamberts to Pine Grove was presented, and the matter was left to the supervisor and the township commissioners. It was decided to have the chain-gang work the roads, etc., in the townships in regular numerical order; that is, to begin in township No. 1, then 2, 3, 4, and so on, it being left to the township boards what should be done. A provision was put in allowing only one piece of work to be done in a township at one time, however. A petition was presented praying for a change in the road from Morrisville to Grayson's old store, and it was left to the supervisor and the township commissioners.

On Tuesday the commissioners of Hope and Kings townships met at the bridge across, Black river, near Kingstree for the purpose of letting the contract for rebuilding said bridge and for repairing the "lake" bridge at the same place. The contract for rebuilding the river bridge was awarded Mr. W. R. Funk at \$348, and for repairing the "lake" bridge to Mr. J. B. Gamble at \$49.95.

DEATH CAUSED BY HEAT

Mr. George B. Newcomb Dies Suddenly at Lanes.

Mr. George B. Newcomb, road master of the North Eastern railroad, died from heat at Lanes last Saturday. Mr. Newcomb came up here from Florence, his home, Friday afternoon and spent the night at the Coleman Hotel. He spoke to some of his friends about having suffered from the intense heat of the past few days but had not been seriously affected by it.

Saturday morning he started to Ashley Junction on his car. When he reached Lanes he stopped being almost overcome by the hot weather. He spoke to the agent at Lanes and that gentlemen sent for a physician but before the doctor arrived Mr. Newcomb expired. His death was due directly to the intensely hot weather, and it causes a great loss to the North Eastern railroad, and his place will be hard to fill. He was very popular with the officials and also with the station agents and trainmen.

His body was carried by here to Florence where his family resides Saturday afternoon and from that place to Petersburg, Va., for interment.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

BRIEF MENTION OF PEOPLE YOU KNOW AND DON'T KNOW.

Those of Our Citizens Who are Visiting at Other Places.—Our Visitors.—Other Mention.

Mr. J. J. Morris of Lake City was in Kingstree last Monday;

Mr. W. S. Lynch has returned from a two-weeks' visit to his parents.

Mrs. Louis Stackley and children are spending some time with the former's mother in the country.

Mr. R. B. Lyons still remains very ill, though he is somewhat better than he was last week.

Miss Retta Withers, who for several weeks has been visiting Miss Louise Gilland, returned to her home last week.

Mr. George Prentiss Logan, a son of Mr. R. C. Logan, graduated in law from the South Carolina College last week. In the moot court held during the commencement, Mr. Logan won his case.

Messrs. George McCutchen and Leland Blackwell Salters, of this county, were both "distinguished" in their examinations at the South Carolina College last week. Mr. McCutchen was awarded the Hutchinson scholarship and Mr. Salters the Manning scholarship for the next term. As these scholarships are awarded upon the merit of the students, it speaks well for the young men that they should have won them.

Miss Carrie Montgomery, a daughter of Mr. E. P. Montgomery, and a former resident of this county, was married last week to Dr. Will J. Garner, of Darlington. Miss Montgomery is well and favorably known to a great many of our readers, and was very popular. Dr. Garner is one of Darlington's foremost physicians, and is a member of the State Board of Medical Examiners. We wish the couple a long life of prosperity and pleasure.

The News and Courier's Anderson correspondent, in reporting the commencement exercises of the Citadel, which took place in Anderson last week, had this to say about a Williamsburg boy who graduated this year:

"Cadet Capt. R. D. Epps was next introduced as second honor man in his class, and choosing for a subject one which was largely intended for his comrades, he addressed them almost entirely. In treating his subject, 'The fight is before us, shall we win?' he implored his comrades to walk in the right path of honesty and truth. Cadet Epps's address was a finished production, and reflected credit upon himself and his alma mater."

The county superintendent of education has received notice from the State superintendent of education that a teachers institute for colored teachers will be held here from July 23rd to 28th. Prof. J. E. Wallace, of Columbia, will preside at the meeting, and a full attendance of colored teachers is earnestly desired. An institute for white teachers will be held next month, the exact date of which will be announced later.

Go to LESENE & EPPS to shoe yourself, buy a cow chain and get a grass blade.

The County Record, \$1 a year.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

Of Miss Percival's School Near Single.

On Friday evening, June 25th, the patrons and friends of Miss Percival's school, near Single met to witness the closing exercises.

A simple programme of recitations and songs was most admirably rendered. The children showed by their deportment that they had been carefully trained, not especially for this occasion, but during the whole term. Even the smallest pupils recited with a self-possession of which older persons might be proud. The rendering of some old favorite songs, among them "Auld Lang Syne," was highly enjoyed by the audience. There was nothing formal or elaborate about the programme but those who had seen other like exercises of more pretension, said it would compare favorably with any they had seen. At the close of the exercises the following prizes were awarded: For highest average in all studies, Laura Johnson, a beautiful book; Miss Mattie Johnson and Miss Mollie Hamer were of equal merit on the compositions for the year and on drawing for the prize the book was gained by Miss Hamer Simpson Johnson was awarded the prize for the most improvement in letter writing.

As a fitting close for the year's work a picnic was given the following day in honor of Miss Percival at the home of Miss Ellen McGill. Miss Ellen made an ideal hostess, placing her house and grounds at the disposal of the crowd, and exerted herself to make it a happy occasion for all. Lemonade and ice cream was continually passing among the gay picnickers so that comfort was really possible on that hot day resting under the shade of those low-branching Live Oaks. In due time a sumptuous dinner was excellently served, and the way those bashful girls and ravenous boys made it disappear was higher praise than any words can convey. Games for the young folks and children and pleasant social intercourse for all made the hours fly all too fast, and before one knew it, the sun was sinking and the time had come to part. A more pleasant picnic it has never been your scribe's lot to attend and our kind hostess should receive the hearty thanks of all who attended.

The sheriff sold fifteen lots of land last Monday for taxes. Of these Mr. W. H. Campbell purchased 44 acres for \$32; R. J. Bryan one lot at Lanes for \$4 and 100 acres of land for \$4.15; Nelson Dennis bought 50 acres for \$5.31; T. M. Gilland 165 acres for \$11.36; M. J. Hirsch got 310 acres for \$21; J. W. Register one lot in the town of Trio for \$8; H. O. Britton 50 acres for \$21.50; W. T. Askins two lots in the town Lake City for \$9.88; J. J. Epps 97 acres for \$18.50; F. Rhem & Sons 67 acres for \$7.28; A. N. Cox 186 acres for \$10.52; L. L. Caldwell one lot in Lake City for \$15.18. The auditor bid in two tracts of 35 acres for the Sinking Fund, the cost of which was \$12.45. Of the twenty-one tracts advertised, four were paid up and the sales withdrawn, and two go over till next salesday.

All the latest styles in job printing can now be done in The County Record office.

S. P. BROCKINTON DEAD.

END OF A PROSPEROUS AND USEFUL CAREER

After Only Eight Days' Illness He Succumbed to Relentless Death

Mr. Samuel Peter Brockinton died at about two o'clock last Thursday afternoon, after an illness of only eight days. Mr. Brockinton had been in bad health for several years, and had been off to various health resorts, but did not find much relief. His last illness was the culmination of a series of troubles from which he had been suffering so long.

Mr. Brockinton was only 39 years of age at the time of his death, but he had amassed considerable property and was one of the most prosperous business men in Williamsburg county. His store in Kingstree was the largest in the town and was a very popular place to trade with every class of people. Prior to his coming to Kingstree Mr. Brockinton was in the mercantile business at Moulsons, where he also had great influence in regulating trade. He was very prosperous; starting with very little capital he soon built up an enormous business. He came to Kingstree about ten years ago and has been one of the leading figures in the affairs of the town ever since. His estate is estimated at \$40,000 but that is perhaps too small an amount. Besides this property, he leaves about \$10,000 life insurance.

In 1885 Mr. Brockinton was married in Sumter to Miss Lula Paxton, a daughter of the late Dr. W. Y. Paxton, of Charleston. Five children were born to this union. Mrs. Brockinton and two of the children, a son and a daughter, survive him. Mr. Brockinton was a loving and tender husband, and a generous, kind father, and the irreparable loss to the widow and little orphans will ever be felt. Mr. Brockinton was a member of the Presbyterian church and was very liberal in giving to the cause of Christ. His influence was felt wherever he went and to those in need he was always kind and generous. His death is a sore loss to Kingstree and Williamsburg.

The funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church Friday morning, the Rev. J. E. Dunlop officiating, and the interment took place at the Presbyterian cemetery. Great crowds were in attendance, and all the business houses were closed as a mark of respect for the deceased citizen. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. Louis Stackley, W. W. Grayson, J. T. Nelson, M. F. Heller, Herbert McClary and Eugene Montgomery.

Woodmen of the World who are in arrears are requested to make immediate settlement to Mr. Louis J. Bristow, who will receipt for same for me,

E. C. DENNIS,
Clerk, camp 27, W.O.W.

The Columbian Encyclopedia is no doubt one of the finest on the market, and no family should be without it. adv.

JOHNSON'S CHILL AND FEVER TONIC

Cures Fever in One Day.

LYNCH.

Quite a number went from this community to attend the Confederate reunion in Nashville, and most of them have returned. Those with whom your "fish spasher" has conversed report a most delightful trip.

A certain cadet now resting in the shade says he is waiting patiently on the opening of his school, although satisfied in his own mind that he will be appointed a corporal upon his return.

Mr. S. J. Lynch, who has charge of the chain-gang force of this county, a class of about twenty convicts, has just completed the embankment at Cowards bridge across Lynches river.

Mr. David Lee has been quite sick with an attack of fever, but at this writing is improving.

A bright and jovial youngling remarked a few days ago that the most fashionable shoes worn now a-days are the soleless shoes without any uppers or strings. He (and he is a society man) states positively that these shoes will be popular throughout the warm season.

Rev. A. McA. Pittman preached a very interesting and impressive sermon at Bethel Baptist church last Sunday.

Mr. Leroy Lee, a student of the South Carolina College, returned home last week to spend the long, hot and wazy summer months.

The bridge between Florence and Sumter counties across Lynches river near James creek will now be built, such being the decision of the county officers of these two counties. The bridge will be known as Hutchens bridge and the work will commence at once.

Mr. Aaron Lee visited his parents last Sunday.

Mr. Robt. Tart, of this place, is visiting his parents and friends near Cades.

Prof. L. D. Singletary came over on his wheel last Sunday on a visit.

The thermometer still manages to keep up about the one hundred mark.

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Attention Democrats.

Headquarters Dem. Party, Williamsburg County, June 28th, 1897.

The candidates for Congress from the 8th District of South Carolina will address the people at Kingstree, Friday, July 10th, and at Lake City Saturday, July 11th. W. H. KENNEDY, Co. Chairman.

To the Public.

All persons are hereby cautioned not to trade for or buy a Bond and Mortgage made by J. M. Swann to J. W. Coward in the sum of \$250, said mortgage covering the real estate whereon J. M. Swann now lives. The said mortgage was transferred to J. Z. McConnell, late Probate Judge for Williamsburg county. As said mortgage has disappeared from the Probate Judge's office, this notice is given. W. L. WALLACE, For himself and other Bondsmen of J. Z. McConnell.

Kingstree, S. C., July 1, 1897.

South Carolina Military Academy. The following Beneficiary Vacancies exist in this Academy: Bonfort 2, Williamsburg 1, Allen 1, Orangeburg 1, Sumter 1, Union 1, Orange 1, Berkeley 2, Fairfield 1, Charleston 1. Those desiring to compete will apply promptly to the Chairman of the Board of Visitors at Bonfort, S. C. for information and blanks. All papers properly made out must be filed with the Chairman before August 1, when the Board will convene to pass upon the same. JOHNSON HARRISON, Chairman Board of Visitors.